

# ALLEN CORRECTIONAL CENTER

*Kinder, Louisiana*



## **Client**

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

## **Location**

Kinder, Allen Parish, Louisiana.

## **Contract Duration**

Contract award: 07/17/90. Terms: **Original contract** 12/04/90–12/03/93; Extended 12/04/93–12/03/95. Renegotiated 12/04/95–12/03/98; Extended 12/04/98–12/03/00. **New Contract** 12/04/00–12/03/03 with (1) two year options. **New Contract** 10/01/03–09/30/06 with two year options renewable to 09/30/08.

## **Background**

This new construction medium-maximum security facility opened in December 1990. The facility received inmates immediately upon its opening. This facility can house up to 1,538 minimum, medium, and maximum male inmates. The GEO Group made a commitment when recruiting staff to give preference to Louisiana residents. After conducting a Job Fair in the local community, nearly 70% of the employees were hired from Allen Parish, with the balance of the staff being hired from other parts of Louisiana. The GEO Group also conducted a Vendor Fair in the local area to meet its commitment to purchase supplies and services locally whenever practical.

## **Scope of Work**

The GEO Group offers academic and vocational education, program activities, and counseling services to the inmate population. Programs in adult basic education and General Equivalency Diploma curriculum and vocational training are taught from 8:00 am to 9:30 pm each weekday. Substance Abuse Counselors work with individual inmates and groups using volunteer services from Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous to assist those men who wish to remain alcohol and drug-free upon release.

**Industry Program:** the 857 acres surrounding the prison complex are used for additional agri-business to augment

the 46,000 sq. ft. furniture manufacturing and refinishing plant which is located within the prison compound.

The prison complex also includes a complete gymnasium and athletic field with recreational programming in individual and team sports. Each dormitory has a weight lifting pavilion, an outdoor basketball court, ample area for recreation, and a jogging area.

## **Facility Description**

This modern prison complex was designed and built by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections at a cost of approximately \$27 million. Support facilities for medical services were designed to accommodate population expansion. Construction began in July 1991 on two additional 288-bed housing units. These housing units were completed in August 1992 at a cost of approximately \$17,000,000. In 1995 The GEO Group received permission from the Federal Judge monitoring Louisiana prisons to add another 192 beds. These beds increased the facility's population to its present total of 1,474 beds. In December 1998, expansion by 64 beds was authorized to its present total of 1,538 beds.

All housing units are situated in separately fenced compounds connected by enclosed walkways. These walkways allow easy access to inmate areas while assuring that security and support personnel can effectively supervise all inmate movement.

## **Accreditation**

The facility was awarded the highly prestigious award of accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA) in November 1992. The facility was re-accredited by ACA in November 1995, November 1998, October 2001 and September 2004. Previously accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCCHC), the GEO Group cancelled this affiliation in 2004 due to client's non-requirement and enhanced ACA standards relating to the medical operations.

